

## **Alcoholic Beverage Control**

CHAIRMAN: JAMES C. GARDNER

COMMISSIONERS: JOEL L. KEITH Wake Forest

KEVIN M. GREEN Greensboro

ADMINISTRATOR: MICHAEL C. HERRING

LOCATION: 400 East Tryon Road Raleigh NC 27610

MAILING: 4307 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-4307

PHONE: (919) 779-0700 FAX: (919) 661-5927 http://abc.nc.gov/

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**JULY 16, 2014** 

## NC ABC COMMISSION APPROVES ABC STORE REQUESTED BY GASTONIA ABC BOARD

RALEIGH – The three-member North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission met today and approved a new ABC store requested by the Gastonia ABC board for 2290 Jett Lanier Drive, Gastonia.

As a part of the permanent rule approval process, the Commission voted to adopt the proposed permanent rules for in-stand beer sales and growlers to the Rules Review Commission for its consideration. If approved by the Rules Review Commission, the permanent rules will be effective October 1.

The Commission also reconsidered an exemption request from June. After discussion about the three-tier system and what the current state laws allow, the Commission did not receive a request for additional exemptions from the petitioner and last month's order stands without amendments.

The Commission also took action on 55 permit violations, levying fines in excess of \$66,000 and/or imposing suspensions of five days or more on businesses that hold permits to sell alcohol in the state. Fines are due Aug. 8, and suspensions begin Aug. 15.

## ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 17 states to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state of North Carolina. The Commission oversees permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 18,000 retail outlets across the state. http://abc.nc.gov.

###

MEDIA CONTACT Agnes Stevens 919-417-0858 Agnes.Stevens@abc.nc.gov